Grievances of piece-workers of the Government Press re leave, holiday allowance, etc.,

152. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the piece-workers of the Government Press have memorialised the Government in July 1934, June 1935 and 29th Meenam 1111 for the redress of their grievances regarding leave and holiday allowance, etc., and

(*b*) whether Government have considered the memorials ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorials are under consideration.

Rural reconstruction in Travancore.

153. **Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have introduced any scheme of rural reconstruction ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that several co-operative societies are doing rural reconstruction work in Travancore ; and

(*c*) whether they propose to give any aid to such societies ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No. But one of the earliest duties of the reconstituted Economic Development Board will be the organisation of rural reconstruction work in selected areas, preferably through non-official agencies.

(*b*) Government understand that a few co-operative societies propose to undertake rural reconstruction work.

(*c*) The question will be considered if and when the occasion arises.

Export duty on copra.

154. ***Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which export duty on copra was first imposed.

(*b*) the amount of revenue of the Travancore Government at that time ;

(*c*) the amount realised in each of the last five years in the shape of export duty on *copra* ;

(*d*) whether the Legislature has passed any resolution for abolishing the export duty on *copra* ;

(*e*) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon ?

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Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*), & (*b*) Information is not available.

(*c*) A *statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government consider that, in view of the present position of the finance of the State and the condition of the cocoanut oil and coir mats and mattings industries in the State, the resolution cannot be accepted. The tariff values of *copra*, cocoanuts cocoanut oil and *punnac* have however been considerably reduced with effect from 1-1-1110.

Number of voters according to the new electoral rolls.

155. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of voters for the Assembly according to the new electoral rolls in the following constituencies;

(1) Ambalapuzha *cum* Shertalai;

(2) Trivandrum *cum* Neyyattinkara;

(3) Kalkulam *cum* Vilavankod;

(*b*) the total number of voters among the communities for whom seats are reserved in these constituencies; and

(*c*) the total number of voters for the Council in Kalkulam cum Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara constituency and the number of Latin Catholic voters among them according to the new electoral rolls?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

	Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai	*Trivandrum cum Neyyattinkara*	*Kalkulam cum Vilavankode*
(*a*) Total number of voters ...	34,828	27,975	35,890
(*b*) Ezhavas ...	7,320	2,492	
Latin Catholics ...	2,300	523	2,920
Muslims	2,730		
(*c*) Total number of voters ...	4,144		
Latin Catholics	115		

The above statistics are according to the preliminary electora rolls.

*Vide Appendix II. page 588.

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Appendix II.

Vide answer to question No. 154

Statement showing the amount of export duty realised on *copra* during each of the last five years.

Years.		*Duty.* Br. Rs.
1107	...	2,98,893
1108	...	2,40,275
1109	...	2,55,611
1110	...	1,58,651
1111	...	1,50,528

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ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President: I have received notice of a motion for adjourning the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of public importance, namely, the excesses committed by the reserve police stationed at Ramangalam. I am sorry I have to rule the motion out of order because the practice which has been enunciated by my predecessor as President in another place but which is equally applicable to this House is that this motion for adjournment should be handed over on the opening day. For reasons which have been dealt with in the ruling of my predecessor, I rule the motion out of order.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I rise to a point of order. Suppose an incident takes place during the sittings of the Council?

President: In the nature of things, that will make an exception.

THE TRAVANCORE COMPENSATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS BILL.

President: I think, I ought, in fairness to this House, indicate what the attitude of the Government would be in regard to one item of the non-official business, *i. e.*, the Travancore Compensation for Improvements Bill. This morning I received a deputation asking that, if, by any chance, the 100 and odd amendments which have been tabled are not disposed of by to-morrow, an extra day should be given for the transaction of non-official business; and I had to mention to the deputation that that was not possible. I wish to point out that the Bill is a non-official member's Bill. It has been passed by one House; and it has come in for consideration in this House. I think I hinted to this House on the opening

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